

**Memorial Stones** Remember a loved one with a carved stone in our Memorial Garden, please email or drop off a completed order form ([tinyurl.com/ko46op8](http://tinyurl.com/ko46op8)) to Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org), by April 16. The Memorial Garden Dedication Service will be held May 28, following our Worship Service.

**Buddhist Meditation, Sundays, 6-7 PM** Monks from the Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple lead visitors and guests through an hour of meditation and spiritual discussion. All levels of experience are welcome! No cost; donations appreciated.

**Oneness Drum Circle TODAY! 2-4 PM** Drums are among the earth's oldest musical instruments and seem to have had a place in every ancient culture. This Drum Circle led by Gina Grupe-Stibal is uniquely designed for all ages to participate in creating rhythmic flows of music (vibrational energy) coming together as ONE. Be prepared to have fun and move around!

**It's Just Lunch!** Please join UUSG women members and friends for lunch, fellowship, and conversation in The Common Room at 11:30am on April 19, (a week early due to garage sale!). Bring your own lunch, beverage, and a dessert to share if you would like. We look forward to having you join in and enjoy each other's company! Please sign up at [uusg.org/lunch](http://uusg.org/lunch).

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## Today & This Week at UUSG

[uusg.org/calendar](http://uusg.org/calendar)

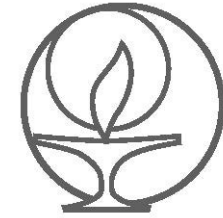
<b>Sunday, April 2</b>	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:00 AM	Styrofoam Sunday
• 10:30 AM	K-12 Religious Education
• 2:00 PM	Oneness Drum Circle
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation
<b>Monday, April 3</b>	
• 1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
• 2:00 PM	Worship Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Technology Team Meeting
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b>	
• 7:00 PM	Council Meeting (online)
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b>	
• 3:00 PM	Heritage Team Meeting
• 7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
• 7:00 PM	UU Buddhism Meditation & Study Group (online)
<b>Thursday, April 6</b>	
• 6:30 PM	The Shared Pulpit: How to Give a Sermon
<b>Friday, April 7</b>	
• 8:00 PM	Tenebrae Service
<b>Saturday, April 8</b>	
• 9:00 AM	Celebration of Life Gathering
• 9:00 AM	Northern IL Food Bank Group
<b>Sunday, April 9</b>	Worship Service 10:30 AM
• 9:30 AM	Congregational Social Justice Sunday
• 11:30 AM	Second Sunday Sack Lunch
• 6:00 PM	Blue Lotus Buddhist Meditation

#### **Vacations:**

Rev. Scot Hull will be on vacation through April 3.

Becky Hruby, Director of Religious Education, will be on vacation through April 3.

# Welcome to This House!



## Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva

**April 2, 2023**

Soul Matters Theme: Resistance

#### **Today's Worship Team**

**In the Pulpit:** Rev. Linda Slabon

**Worship Associate:** Colleen Cushing

**Musicians:** Toni Tollerud

**Technical Directors:** Jeff Stibal, Jamie Carroll, Scott Dotson, Cari Gesiakowski, Gina Grupe, Doreen Rose Mace, Caroline Pickett

#### **Upcoming Services:**

**Friday, April 7:** Rev. Scot Hull, Tenebrae Service

**Sunday, April 9:** Rev. Scot Hull, Easter Sunday

**Sunday, April 16:** Rev. Scot Hull

Many Paths • One Church

## Order of Worship

### Welcoming Words

**Introit** “May I Suggest,” Susan Werner

**Testimonial** Soren MacPebbles

**Opening Hymn** # 83 “Winds Be Still”

### Chalice Lighting

### Song of Praise

### Covenant

### Doxology

### Passing the Peace

**Testimonial** Tom Lichtenheld

**For All Ages** “Sofia and the Heartmender,” Marie Olofsdotter

**Offertory** “Crystal Tone Bowl Reflections”

**Readings** Excerpt from Unitarian preacher William Ellery Channing’s 1828 sermon “Likeness to God”; “Now I Become Myself,” May Sarton

**Sermon** Descent to the Dark and the Rising, Defiant Spark

**Hymn** #298 “Wake Now, My Senses”

### Chalice Extinguishing

**Sending** #413 “Go Now in Peace”

### Benediction

## Announcements

**Rev. Linda Slabon**, M.Div., MSW, M.A., LCSW, served 26 years as the minister of the UU Fellowship of DeKalb. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker I formerly worked at Family Service Agency & DeKalb County Hospice. Currently I maintain a small private practice. I am grateful each day for the 34-year relationship with my wife Toni, and being Nana to our 7-year-old grand-daughter in our bi-racial, bi-cultural family. Among the things that bring joy to my life are the many hours spent in the dirt, gardening. Not only does it create beauty, it also supports organizations that cherish the earth and provides food to share with our community. I am a new member of the board for the UU Advocacy Network of IL and will love the learning that is bound to come from the relationships formed. Finally, making music with my wife, Toni, strengthens my spirit & carries me through hard times.

**Tenebrae Service** On the evening of Good Friday, April 7, you are invited to celebrate a special, candlelit, "Service of the Shadows", or Tenebrae. Tenebrae is offered as a contemplative complement to the Easter story of joy, new life, and new hope, and seeks to remind and reassure us that life’s challenges are a natural part of any faithful life lived in love and community. Special guest musicians Elena Spiegel and Sophia Spiegel will join Cynthia Spiegel and Tom Zimmerman. Service begins at 8pm, in-person & online.

**Women's Circle** "A Road to Ina Makha (Mother Earth)" with guest Mary Dorrell. Join us on April 22, 1-4pm for an experiential discussion of one person’s journey in Lakota traditional ceremonies. Although not native, Mary had the honor of joining in the old observances for many years. More details and sign up at [uusg.org/womens-circle](https://uusg.org/womens-circle).

**Eating and Supporting UUSG:** Two activities that we do well! Join us for our first destination fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen in Geneva Commons. On **Wed. April 12, 11am-9pm**, a percentage of all sales will come back to UUSG! Flyers available in the Common Room & Weekly Email.

**Pub Theology, April 13, at 7 PM**, Sturdy Shelter Brewing. Join Rev. Scot and Pastor Stephanie of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church for a cross-denominational Pub Theology group! [uusg.org/pub-theology](https://uusg.org/pub-theology)

**Second Sunday Sack Lunch** Don't forget our new initiative to build community. Bring a sack lunch and stay after the service for half an hour to hang with your friends for great discussion. **April 9**, topic for discussion will be the UUA's Article II Proposal. See you there!

**“We Don’t Have A Garage” Sale - April 27-29!** Here's what you can do to help: 1. Start sorting and putting aside those items that you would like to donate. 2. Collect grocery bags for use during checkout 3. Contact Molly & Jenny about pickups for large items. 4. Sign up to help at the sale at [uusg.org/garage-sale](https://uusg.org/garage-sale). Many additional details in the Weekly Email! Questions? Contact [jenny@andymontgomery.com](mailto:jenny@andymontgomery.com) or [molly.zacker@mackayco.com](mailto:molly.zacker@mackayco.com).

**UUSG Art Wall Resumes!** Share your artistic talents with us by signing up for an exhibition slot for our UUSG Art Wall in the Common Room. Photography, paintings, drawings, textiles, mixed media--we'd love to see it! Send an email to Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org) if you're interested or would like to learn more.

**Northern IL Food Bank Group** Are you looking for a way to get involved and meet new people at UUSG? Come join us at our next volunteer shift on Saturday, April 8, 9am-12pm. We have a fun time while helping our neighbors in need. Sign up at [uusg.org/food-bank-signup](https://uusg.org/food-bank-signup).

**The Period Collective** Hygiene products and handmade drawstring bags for our donation to the Period Collective continue through April 23. Monetary donations can be made via cash, checks, and Tithely. Please make checks out to "UUSG" and write "Period Collective" in the memo line; select "Period Collective" in the Tithely dropdown menu; note "Period Collective" for cash on the offering envelope.

**April Beyond Our Walls** The April BOW is the UUSG “Make a Difference” (MAD) fund. The fund was established in 1996 to respond to requests from church members and friends for practical, short-term, one-time emergency financial assistance. We have been able to help many members since then. Thank you for your generous giving!